Earned Income for the EIC

Includes:

Taxable wages, salaries, and tips

Union strike benefits

Taxable long-term disability benefits received prior to minimum retirement age

Net earnings from selfemployment

Gross income of a statutory employee

Does not include:

Interest and dividends

Social security and railroad retirement benefits

Welfare benefits

Workfare payments

Pensions or annuities

Veteran's benefits (including VA rehabilitation payments)

Workers' compensation benefits

Alimony

Child Support

Nontaxable foster care payments

Unemployment compensation

Taxable scholarship or fellowship grants that are not reported on Form W-2

Earnings for work performed while an inmate at a penal institution

Salary deferrals (for example, under a 401(k) or 403(b) plan or the Federal Thrift Savings Plan)

Combat zone excluded pay (box 12, code Q of Form W-2)

Basic housing and subsistence allowances for the U.S. Military (box 12, code Q of Form W-2)

The value of meals or lodging provided by an employer for the convenience of the employer

Housing allowance or rental value of a parsonage for the clergy

Excludable dependent care benefits (line 18 of either Form 2441, Form 1040, or Schedule 2, Form 1040A)

Salary reductions such as under a cafeteria plan

Excludable employer-provided educational assistance benefits (may be shown in box 13 of Form W-2)

Anything else of value received from someone for services performed, if it is not currently taxable